

We Claim:

1 1. A process of pre-screening passengers prior to their boarding a carrier
2 to determine whether anyone poses a threat to the safety of the carrier, comprising
3 the steps of:

4 routinely collecting and recording reservation information relating to the
5 individual passengers and the reserved carrier;

6 inputting said information into a processor and responsively obtaining other
7 information available from various stored databases;

8 comparing said reservation information and said other information with a
9 predetermined template to determine whether any of the passengers poses a threat to
10 the carrier.

1 2. A process as set forth in claim 1 and including the step of notifying
2 authorities if a threat is indicated.

1 3. A process as set forth in claim 1 and including the step of permitting
2 the passenger to board if no threat is indicated.

1 4. A process as set forth in claim 2 wherein the particular authority level
2 to be notified is dependent on a degree of threat determined.

1 5. A process as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of collecting and
2 recording reservation information includes the step of obtaining a social security
3 number applicable to the passenger.

1 6. A process as set forth in claim 5 wherein said step of obtaining a
2 social security number includes the steps of obtaining a credit card number and
3 responsively entering a database to obtain the social security number.

1 7. A process as set forth in claim 1 wherein said other information is
2 obtained from federal, state and local authorities.

1 8. A system for pre-screening carrier passengers having reservations on
2 a carrier to determine whether any poses a threat to the carrier, comprising:
3 means for collecting and recording information relating to the passengers and
4 the carrier on which reservations are made;
5 a first processor for receiving said recorded information and responsively
6 generating related information from various shared databases; and
7 a second processor for comparing said recorded information and said
8 generated information with a predetermined representative template to determine
9 whether a passenger poses a threat.

1 9. A system as set forth in claim 8 and including means for notifying
2 authorities in the event that a threat is found to be posed.

1 10. A system as set forth in claim 8 and including means for permitting
2 passengers to board if no threat is found.

1 11. A system as set forth in claim 8 wherein said means for collecting
2 and recording is adapted to collect and record the passengers respective credit card
3 numbers.

1 12. A system as set forth in claim 8 wherein said means for collecting
2 and recording is adapted to collect and record the passengers respective social
3 security numbers.

1 13. A system as set forth in claim 11 wherein said first processor receives
2 said credit card numbers and generates related social security numbers.

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